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Sent: Monday, February 19, 2007 9:27 AM
To: Sean Pamell
Subject: Re: Good first rollout

Thanks Sean. I'll be in Juneau Tues so am glad you'll be at PacCom.

When will your op ed be complete so we can get that in the mix? We're busy drafting the next rounds of public education pieces, but I'm anxious to get your piece in there asap.

thanks!

Sean Parnell <Privileged or Personal> wrote:

> Just wanted to let you know the timing was good es was the content (from the public's perspective) on the phesed rollout of AGIA. The erticle in the Money section today was informative and seemed to contain key talking points.
>
> I heve to address the PAC-COM trade conference on Tuesday and will incorporate the points from today's article. (I'll also speak to some of what Jenkins said yesterdey—that was e diseppointing column). Of course, if your plans changed end you're in Anchorage on Tuesday you're welcome to the podium to speak to these mostly contractor, construction types insteed of me.
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> Heve e great day!
>
> Sean

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To: meghan_stapleton@gov.state.ak.us, mike_tibbles@gov.state.ak.us

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> in writing re: FERC support. thanks!
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Thank you for your understanding-

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Subjact: Ra: Pata Rouse: someone in D.C. worth maeting

I'm game to meet him

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> Mike –
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> When you and the Governor are in Washington, D.C., Jarry Rainwand recommends that you hook up with a guy named **Pate Rousa**.
>
> Rouse was once chief-of-staff for then-Lieutenant Governor Terry Miller. He's now chief-of-staff for a guy named Barack Obama.
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> A few weeks ago, Jerry wrote:
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> > Peta has an interest in Alaska, so it is natural that he would be following tha Govarnor's progress. In September, Pete said that he thought Sarah Palin would win tha Governor's race (don't know if he sew Democretic polling data or what). Pete has served as Sanator Daschle's Chiaf of Staff, and is now Senator Obama's Chief of Staff.
> > Senator Ted Stevens loves Pate as the Sanetor end I had a long discussion one night about Pete at a fundraising dinnar. Might ba worth tha Govarnor's time to visit with Pate when she is naxt in D.C.
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> I can scrounge up a phona number, if you like.
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> Chris

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Bruce

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Bob Tkacz is notorious for mischaracterizing people's positions and how they testify.

Lynn Kant, DEC Director of Watar Quality, has bean doing a greet job of keeping my office informad ebout our administration's position on Mixing Zones and Seaton's bill. To date, our position has been to request the opportunity for the new Commissioner to take office in order to esteblish a final position. In the meantime, Bob is upset because we ara not supporting passage of Seaton's bill to "undo" tha regulations thet are pending review at EPA.

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I will ask both Tom Irwin (DNR) end Lerry Hertig (DEC) to provide recommendations for a position regarding mixing zones. Denby...that includes you, too.
Thenks!!
John Bitney

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Sent: Sunday, February 18, 2007 8:29 PM
To: Meghan N Stapleton; sharon_leighow@gov.state.ak.us; mike_tibbles@gov.state.ak.us; denby_lloyd@fishgame.state.ak.us; John Bitney
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It continued to be "fast busy" until I borrowed Todd's cell phone & finally got through on that phone. I just spent 20 minutes with Bob. Quite unpleasant. He's quite insistent thet I'm breaking a campaign promise re: Habitat, though I repeated my explanation thet it's very unfair to Alaskans for me to claim I'll keep Habitat in DNR, in perpetuity, when I've only had my DNR Commissioner on board for one week, (and I've only been in office e couple of months) hence we haven't had time to fully consider whether the move should have taken place in the first place - and whether (or when) it should be considered to be moved back. He said I blew the opportunity to change Murkowski's executive order on the move, so I "obviously am in line with Murkowksi on this", and obviously am breaking a promise, and how could I not know if I'd veto Gare's bill on this, or not? He didn't let up.

Then he jumped into Mixing Zones, saying it's so odd that I'm "consistent with Murkowski on that one, too". I did not know what he was talking about. I told him I do NOT support lessening the protections on our salmon spawning grounds - and that former DEC Commish. Ernesta Ballard's move with mixing zones was not something I could support and I've still not heard good reasons why she pushed for the mixing zones - Bob totally tripped me up by claiming my administration just testified in support of mixing zones, by testifying against Paul Seaton's bill that would have ensured more habitat protections. He said my staffer, Lynn (?), just testified on the bill this week, I believe. I repeated that I do NOT support lessening the restrictions that would result in dangers to the fish grounds - he didn't let up on that and made sure I knew he was recording me.

So, Bitney, (he says you know of the administration's testimony), I do need to know what went on with any testimony this past week. I have not been informed of what is before the legislature on mixing zones.

And before I talk to Bob in the future, I need to know what admin. has done on fish issues in the recent past.

thank you

Meghan N Stapleton <meghan_stapleton@gov.state.ak.us> wrote:

> Here are two numbers for Bob. A fast busy signal doesn't sound good.
> Hopefully it's not one of the numbers listed below. Thank you.
>
> Bob Tkacz
> Correspondent,
> Fishermen's News Magazine
> Writer & Publisher,
> Laws for the SEA
> Office PH: 907-463-5455
> Mobile: 01-907-723-4314
> Email: junobob@att.net
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> To: Meghan N Stapleton
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> > keep trying.
> > just fyi
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> >
> > Governor,
> > Bob Tkacz is expecting a quick phone interview with you this
> > weekend. I did not commit to a time; I told him it was up to you
> > whether it was Saturday or Sunday. He interviewed Commissioner
> > Lloyd yesterday afternoon and Fish and Game has provided the

> notes. Bob can be reached at 463-5455. He is not expecting more
> than 10 minutes and PLEASE DO NOT CALL FROM YOUR PERSONAL CELL
> PHONE! He will never leave you alone!
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> Have a great weekend.
> Sharon
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Thenk you for all of your time with boards and commission! You've made my job enjoyeble with your eccessibility end all of your input. I've supplied Mike with a hard copy and will go over these boards with him today.

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See you soon,

Ivy

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and remember Rep. Stoltze is very gracious and friendly... maybe he could be one to introduce them? he's the nice guy.

Note: forwarded message attached.